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Brooklyn resident Dan Hangeby, 36, became the city's first death connected to the Citi Bike program when, while riding one of the bikes, he collided with a charter bus around 8:15 a.m. on Monday and fell under the vehicle's rear wheels, Pix11 reported. He was later pronounced dead at Bellevue Hospital. Hangeby, who worked at Credit Suisse, was riding on West 26th Street between Sev-



enth and Eighth avenues in Manhattan when the accident occurred, the New York Daily

News reported. He was the sixth bicyclist to die so far this year in the city. The largest bike-sharing program in the country, Citi Bike has 593 stations in every borough except for the Bronx, according to The New York Times. **METRO**

KHAMENEI BLAMES US FOR REGIONAL INSTABILITY

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei blamed the United States for instability in the Middle East and said Washington's fight against the Islamic State militant group was "a lie." "You (the United States) and your agents are the source of instability in the Middle East ... who created Islamic State? America ... America's claim of fighting against Islamic State is a lie," Khamenei said in

a meeting with high-ranking Iranian officials, according to his official website. Iran and the United States cut diplomatic ties shortly after Iran's 1979 Islamic revolution and enmity to Washington has long been a rallying point for hardline supporters of Khamenei in Iran. Khamenei has made several statements denouncing the United States since the start of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. **REUTERS**

WALL ST. FALLS AS APPLE DRAGS TECH LOWER

Apple shares added to last week's drop on Monday to lead a market downturn as tech, still the best performing S&P 500 sector this year, succumbed under its own weight. Mizuho Securities cut its rating on Apple to "neutral" from "buy" on Monday, saying the stock had outperformed this year and that the "upcoming product cycle is fully captured at current levels." Apple shares, down 2.4 percent



on Monday, are up about 26 percent so far in 2017. The S&P technology sector fell 0.8 percent after dropping 2.7 percent Friday for its largest two-day decline in nearly a year. The tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite underperformed the S&P 500 as the ongoing rout in the sector sparked a search for value elsewhere. **REUTERS**

REMEMBERING THE VICTIMS OF PULSE

Pulse nightclub owner Barbara Poma (left) comforts Orlando City Commissioner Patty Sheehan at the one-year anniversary memorial service for victims of the mass shooting at the Pulse gay nightclub on Monday in Orlando, Florida. **GETTY IMAGES**



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THINGS YOU
NEED TO KNOW

UBER CEO KALANICK LIKELY TO TAKE LEAVE

Uber Technologies Inc. CEO Travis Kalanick is likely to take a leave of absence from the troubled ride-hailing company, but no final decision has yet been made, according to a source familiar with the outcome of a Sunday board meeting. Emil Michael, senior vice president and a close Kalanick ally, has left the company, the source said. At the Sunday meeting, the company's board adopted a series of recommendations from the law firm

of former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder following a sprawling, multimonth investigation into Uber's culture and practices, according to a board representative. Uber will tell employees about the recommendations on Tuesday, said the representative, who declined to be identified. The company is also adding a new independent director, Nestle executive and Alibaba board member Wan Ling Martello, a company spokesman said. **REUTERS**

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SAM NEWHOUSE, NEWS EDITOR

Wednesday is a very special day for a very big boy. That's right, our beloved president Donald Trump came screaming into the world on June 14, 1946, and he will turn 71 on Wednesday. That got us thinking, what would our readers like to give Mr. President for his birthday? Send Metro what you want to give the POTUS on Twitter using the hashtag #Yugebirthday. We'll publish the best and most creative birthday wishes!

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Gregg Henry stars as a Donald Trump-esque Julius Caesar in Shakespeare in the Park's "Julius Caesar." JOAN MARCUS

Shakespeare in the Park's 'Julius Caesar' takes aim at Donald Trump

The controversy is intense after New York's Public Theater updates classic political tragedy about the Roman dictator to turn him into Donald Trump.



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A prestigious New York theater's production of "Julius Caesar" has raised controversy for casting a Donald Trump look-alike as the murdered dictator.

In the Public Theater's annual Shakespeare in the Park production of Shakespeare's political tragedy about the death of democracy, the Roman ruler is played by "Scandal" actor Gregg Henry, in a suit and red tie with a mop of wispy blond hair and a Slavic-accented wife.

About halfway through the play, Caesar is assassinated by his fellow senators because they think he's become too powerful.

The parallel was a step too far for two sponsors so far, Delta Air Lines and Bank of America, which both pulled their support.

"No matter what your political stance may be, the graphic staging of 'Julius Caesar' at this summer's Free Shakespeare in the Park does not reflect Delta Air Lines' values," Delta said via Twitter, adding that the "artistic and creative direction crossed the line on the standards of good taste."

"The Public Theater chose to present 'Julius Caesar' in such a way that was intended to provoke and offend," according to Bank of America's statement. "Had this intention been made known to us, we would have decided not to sponsor it."

"We stand completely behind our production of 'Julius Caesar,'" the Public Theater said in a statement. "We recognize that our interpretation of the play has provoked heated discussion; audiences, sponsors and supporters have expressed varying viewpoints and opinions. Such discussion is exactly the goal of our civically engaged theater; this discourse is the basis of a healthy democracy."

After Caesar's death, the Roman republic quickly spirals into chaos, ending with the banishment of democracy for almost 2,000 years. On that basis, the Public's statement continues, "Our production of 'Julius Caesar' in no way advocates violence towards anyone. Shakespeare's play, and our production, make the opposite point: Those who attempt to defend democracy by undemocratic

means pay a terrible price and destroy the very thing they are fighting to save."

The show is presented free of charge in Central Park through June 18.

This isn't the first time criticism of Donald Trump has landed an artist in trouble. Last week, CNN fired Kathy Griffin from her longtime role as co-host of its "New Year's Eve Live" program after an image of her holding a severed head made to look like Trump leaked online.

Criticizing the president became its own cottage industry before he reached the White House. Many comedians, actors and artists have protested his policies through their work, whether it's Comedy Central's "The President Show" with Anthony Atamanuik, or musicals in which Russian President and alleged Trump backer Vladimir Putin gets a golden shower.

REACTIONS ON TWITTER

I wonder how much of this "art" is funded by taxpayers? Serious question, when does "art" become political speech & does that change things?

Donald Trump Jr.

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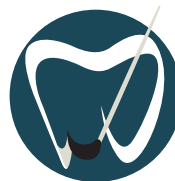
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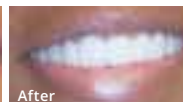
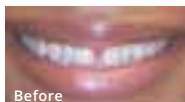
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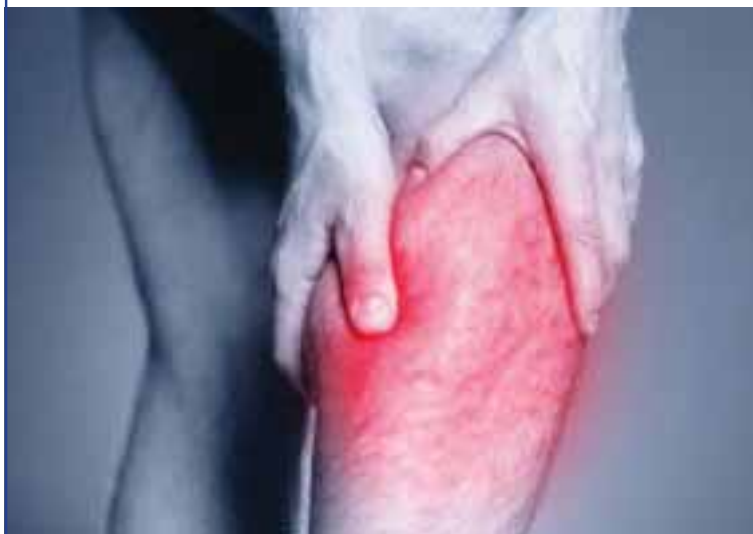
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Just days before the MTA and LIRR released service changes due to Amtrak repair work at Penn Station, frustrated customers filed a class-action lawsuit. FILE

Riders sue MTA and LIRR as agencies announce changes

Things are reaching a boiling point between commuters and the MTA and LIRR.



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Days after New Jersey Transit announced its service change schedule for this summer's Amtrak repair work at Penn Station, the MTA followed suit — and fed-up commuters filed a suit.

A class-action lawsuit filed by Meredith Jacobs and Fred Lee in Nassau County against the MTA and the Long Island Rail Road aims to “address the extreme and outrageous behavior which should not be tolerated in a civilized society” on behalf of “all persons” who bought a monthlong transit pass, according to a copy of the suit Metro obtained from Manhattan-based Dereck Smith Law Group.

The suit questions whether the MTA breached its duties, from transporting commuters safely and without excessive delays to keeping equipment in working order and re-

resenting issues truthfully to the public.

“On almost a daily basis, during rush hours, hundreds of passengers [most of whom purchased monthly passes] find themselves stranded, being forced onto overly crowded trains and facing hazardous conditions in an effort to leave and enter Penn Station,” the suit alleges. “While the MTA LIRR cries foul and passes blame onto Amtrak, the MTA LIRR has done absolutely nothing to improve railroad and safety conditions for passengers to whom they owe a duty of reasonable care.”

Amtrak owns the 21 tracks at Penn Station, the nation's busiest rail station.

The suit briefly details several incidents riders faced in recent weeks and included photos of an overcrowded LIRR platform and two trains. Filed Saturday, the lawsuit is demanding a trial by jury. The MTA has not yet commented on the lawsuit.

On Friday, NJ Transit released its weekday service changes that are set to be in place from July 10 through Sept. 10 while Amtrak closes

portions of tracks in July and August after several months of issues such as train derailments.

The LIRR's plan was announced Monday. While it will add trains and 36 additional cars to offset overcrowding, it will also decrease the number of weekday trains leaving Penn Station during the nightly rush hour from 87 to 70 for the summer.

Three trains running between 2 and 4 a.m. will be canceled, which affects less than 100 riders, the MTA said according to NBC4.

Ferries from Long Island City and Glen Cove will be added, as will bus service from several park-and-rides along the Long Island Expressway from 6 to 10 a.m. and from 3 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Construction projects on four MTA bridges and tunnels — the Queens-Midtown and Hugh L. Carey tunnels and the Robert F. Kennedy and Verrazano Narrows bridges — will be ramped up between now and July 8, Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced on Monday to “ease commutes and provide New Yorkers with peace of mind.”

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The NYC Ferry, operated by Hornblower, has been experiencing issues like delays and overcrowding. FACEBOOK/NYC FERRY

NYC Ferry addresses customer complaints

Frustrated patrons have taken to social media to sound off on issues like delays and overcrowding on the NYC Ferry service.



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Cameron Clark, senior vice president of the Hornblower-operated NYC Ferry, told Metro via email Monday. "We are doing all that we can to accommodate the high demand and overcrowding."

Clark said those issues are "the result of many factors" that include the success of the launch and its service, the waterfront/transit desert areas it serves, route connections and the "comfort and convenience" of using NYC Ferries as transportation, which offers amenities like charging stations and outdoor decks to take advantage of nice weather.

Subway and rail riders in New York City and its surrounding metro region are not the only ones getting exasperated over issues with their commute. NYC Ferry customers have now entered the frustrated fray as they face issues like overcrowding and delays.

Some have taken to social media to sound off about recent delays of up to two hours, being turned away from using the service and the company allegedly having a fleet of just four boats on the East River route. One passenger stranded at Sunset Park terminal described the situation as "hot garbage."

"Keep people waiting in 90 degree weather in direct sun for nearly an hour (many children, too) after scheduled arrival, only to tell them the boat is full and won't be accepting passengers," they wrote on Facebook. "I don't care how petty it is, I'm gonna demand that \$2.75 back for wasting my Sunday."

"NYC Ferry was able to enter the waters of NYC ahead of schedule,"

Clark, who said that NYC Ferry has eight vessels currently in operation with another 12 being constructed per a contract with the city, uses "three to four" vessels "on a given day" for the East River route. Ferries on that route stop at Pier 11 on Wall Street, Dumbo, North and South Williamsburg, Greenpoint, Hunters Point South, East 34th Street and, in summer, Governors Island.

He added that Hornblower is working with the city and its Economic Development Corp. to rectify these issues customers have with the NYC Ferry, which he admitted are not exclusive to just the East River route.

The NYC Ferry recently added routes to South Brooklyn and Rockaway and is expected to add another to Astoria in August. Service to the Lower East Side and Soundview/Clason Point in the Bronx will be added next summer.

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Cuomo expected to name MTA boss(es) this month

The past position of CEO and chair of the beleaguered agency may be split into two, according to a recently announced initiative.



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While the embattled MTA has been making headlines on a near-daily basis thanks to a slew of service problems in recent weeks, it has also been without an official head. Though commuters may not see light at the end of the tunnel on the former issue in the foreseeable future, resolution on the latter may be on the horizon.

According to a report from The New York Times, Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who oversees the MTA, is expected to name a permanent leader — or quite possibly two — for the agency.

Veronique “Ronnie” Hakim has been the interim director of the MTA since its former chairman and CEO Thomas Prendergast stepped down in January.

In the six months since, New Yorkers have faced countless commuting snafus, from mass delays, signal problems and in-station issues to a recent incident in which F train riders were stranded underground for nearly an hour in darkness — and without air conditioning.

Last month, the MTA unveiled a six-point initiative in hopes to regain straphangers’ confidence, a plan Hakim said then that the agency is embracing because “we know riders are frustrated — we are too.”

Among those six

points is a plan that aims to split its chair and CEO positions from one role into two to “strengthen the overall leadership” and “achieve needed operational improvements.”

Hakim, who has previously overseen New York’s subway and bus systems and led New Jersey Transit, would be the first woman to head the MTA if she is named permanent leader of the agency, the Times reported.

While she was considered the frontrunner for the position, Cuomo may also be mulling appointing Lawrence S. Schwartz, his former top aide, as the agency’s chairman. The latter is causing some to think the governor, who is seeking reelection next year and is among the names swirling as a possible Democratic presidential candidate in 2020, is looking to gain more of a foothold of control over the MTA.

“Our goal is to have the best leadership at the MTA as possible,” Cuomo’s spokeswoman Dani Lever told the Times. “That process is ongoing, and you shouldn’t believe every rumor you hear.”

Hakim, according to the outlet, was one of two candidates interviewed for the MTA openings last month. The other, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Executive Director Patrick J. Foy, took his hat out of the ring due to concerns over the splitting of the position, a source said.

After the six-point plan was announced, Hakim said the CEO would focus on day-to-day operations, while the chairman would handle fare hikes among other issues.



Ronnie Hakim, seen in a 2016 photo, has been the interim director of the MTA and is considered a frontrunner for the agency’s permanent head. **FLOK/MTA**



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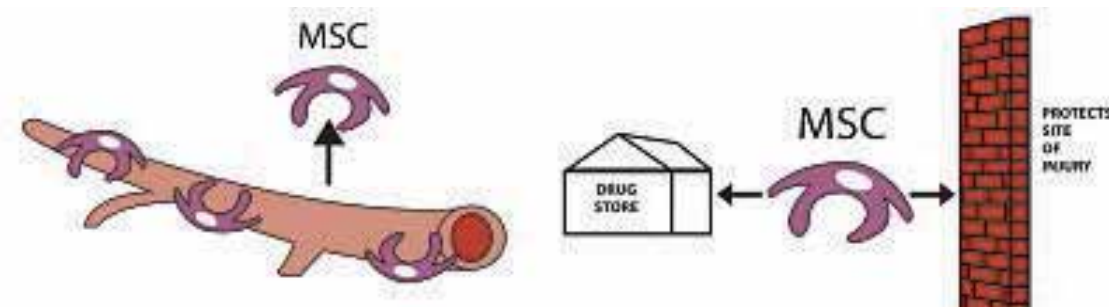
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Sessions to talk publicly to US Senate panel

Until a statement on Monday from committee Chairman Richard Burr, a Republican, it had been unclear whether Sessions would testify in an open or closed setting.

U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions' public testimony before a Senate panel on Tuesday sets up another potentially dramatic hearing on possible ties between President Donald Trump's campaign and Russian meddling in the 2016 presidential race.

Sessions will likely face tough questions at

the open Senate Intelligence Committee hearing over his dealings with Russian officials during the campaign and whether he had a role in the firing of former FBI Director James Comey.

Initially, Sessions expected to testify in a closed-door session, said two sources familiar

with the attorney general's thinking. But he left the decision up to Burr, the sources said.

A Justice Department spokeswoman said that Sessions requested the open setting because "he believes it is important for the American people to hear the truth directly from him."

Comey told the same

panel last week that the FBI had information in mid-February on Sessions that would have made it "problematic" for the attorney general to continue leading a federal probe into Russian attempts to influence the presidential election.

Sessions recused himself from that inquiry in March after media reports that he had been in two previously undisclosed meetings last year with Russian ambassador Sergei Kislyak.

Tuesday's testimony, scheduled to start at 2:30 p.m. ET, will be the first for Sessions in a congressional hearing since he became attorney general. During his nomination hearing in January, the former senator told the Senate Judiciary Committee that he had no contacts with Russian officials as part of the Trump campaign.

Sessions is likely to be questioned over the truthfulness of his answers in January.

A spokesman for the Justice Department said after media reports emerged in March of the meetings that Sessions had answered honestly because the encounters were part of his job as a senator and not as a surrogate of the Trump campaign.

Democratic Sen. Diane Feinstein, a member of both the Senate intelligence and judiciary committees, has said Sessions should answer questions about his January testimony.

Intelligence Commit-

tee members will also likely ask Sessions about a possible third undisclosed meeting with Kislyak that is now under investigation, according to media reports.

Sessions, an early supporter of Trump's election campaign, will be the most senior government official to testify to the committee on the Russia issue, which has dogged the Republican president's early months in office.

Critics charged that by firing Comey on May 9, Trump was trying to hinder the FBI's Russia probe. The former FBI chief added fuel to that accusation with his testimony last week. Trump has denied he tried to interfere with the probe.

In his testimony, Comey said he had asked Sessions not to leave him alone with Trump following meetings where he said Trump had asked Comey for his loyalty. The attorney general may also face questions on that.

Media reports last week said Sessions offered to resign because of tensions with Trump over his decision to recuse himself from the FBI's Russia probe. The allegations are being investigated by special counsel Robert Mueller and several congressional panels, including the Senate Intelligence Committee.

Russia has denied interfering in the U.S. election. The White House has denied any collusion with Moscow.

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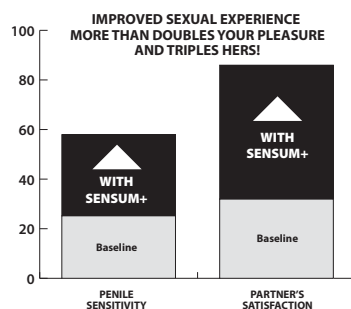
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One-quarter of F-35 fighter jets grounded over oxygen issues

About a quarter of the F-35 fighter jets made by Lockheed Martin Corp (LMT.N), or 55 planes, have stopped flying until further notice because of irregularities in pilots' oxygen supplies, U.S. Air Force spokesman Captain Mark Graff said on Monday.

Training flights at Arizona's Luke Air Force Base, where the 55 jets are based, were canceled on Friday and scheduled to resume on Monday, but the grounding was extended indefinitely. More than 220 F-35s are flying worldwide.

The grounding comes at a critical time for Lockheed, which plans to demonstrate the advanced jet at the Paris Air Show next week. F-35 air operations at other bases

continued, U.S. Air Force officials said.

The F-35 business accounts for about 37 percent of Lockheed's total revenue. During the first quarter, Lockheed's revenue from its aeronautics business increased 8 percent to \$4.11 billion, led by higher sales of the F-35.

Luke Air Force Base, located northwest of Phoenix, is home to the 56th Fighter Wing. The base canceled local flying operations for its F-35A Lightning II aircraft due to five incidents in which pilots experienced symptoms resembling hypoxia, or oxygen deprivation, Graff said on Friday at the Pentagon.

The Air Force said the incidents occurred from May 2 to Thursday,



F-35 fighter jet GETTY IMAGES

and that in each case the aircraft's backup oxygen system worked as designed and the jets were able to land safely. The base's F-35A Lightning II's typically fly 25 training missions each weekday, base officials said.

The halt in flights at Luke Air Force Base was extended so the Air Force could study the issue with pilots, maintenance workers and medical professionals, said Major Rebecca Heyse, a base spokeswoman. REUTERS

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Anti-Kremlin protesters fill Russian streets, Putin critic Navalny jailed

Baton-wielding riot police broke up anti-corruption protests and detained hundreds of demonstrators in Moscow and other Russian cities on Monday, before a court sentenced opposition leader Alexei Navalny to his second prison term this year.

The protests, called by Navalny, a strong critic of Russian President Vladimir Putin, drew thousands of people and were some of the biggest in Russia since 2012.

"Russia without Putin" and "Russia will be free" chanted the demonstrators, including many young people, who crowded into central Moscow on a public holiday.

Navalny, who is mounting a long-shot bid to unseat Putin in an election next year, had called for mass protests in



Russian police officers take into custody a protester. GETTY IMAGES

Moscow and other cities against official corruption.

The Kremlin has dismissed Navalny's graft allegations, accusing him of irresponsibly trying to whip up unrest.

The scale of Monday's protests in Moscow and smaller ones in St. Petersburg and scores of other cities suggests Navalny has maintained his campaign's momentum despite more than 1,000 people being arrested

after the last such protest in March.

That is likely to embolden him to call for more protests and keep Putin, who is expected to run for and win re-election next year, under rare domestic pressure.

"Neither mass detentions nor criminal cases after March 26 (the last protest) worked," wrote Lyubov Sobol, a Navalny ally, on social media. "People are not afraid."

The OVD-Info monitoring group, a non-profit organization, said preliminary figures showed 730 people had been detained in Moscow. The Interior Ministry said 500 people were detained in St. Petersburg.

Navalny's wife, Yulia, said her husband was detained as he tried to leave their home. REUTERS

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US targets some Iraqis for deportation

Trump has said more countries need to take back nationals ordered deported from the United States and has pledged to increase immigration enforcement.

U.S. immigration authorities are arresting Iraqi immigrants ordered deported for serious crimes, the U.S. government said on Monday, after Iraq agreed to accept U.S. deportees as part of a deal to remove it from President Donald Trump's travel ban.

"As a result of recent negotiations between the U.S. and Iraq, Iraq has re-

cently agreed to accept a number of Iraqi nationals subject to orders of removal," said Gillian Christensen, a spokeswoman for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Christensen said the agency recently arrested a number of individuals, all of whom had criminal convictions for violations ranging from homicide

to drug charges and had been ordered removed by an immigration judge. She declined to give more details, citing the ongoing nature of the operation.

Al-Hamza Al-Jamaly, the attache at the Iraqi Embassy in Washington, said Iraqi diplomatic and consular missions would coordinate with U.S. authorities to issue travel

documents for the deportees "that we can prove to be 'Iraqi' based on our records and investigation."

Attorneys, activists and family members told Reuters that ICE officials had arrested dozens of people in the Chaldean Catholic community in Detroit and Kurdish Iraqis in Nashville, Tennessee, over the weekend and last week.

The moves come after the U.S. government dropped Iraq from a list of countries targeted by a revised version of Trump's temporary travel ban issued in March.

The March 6 order said Iraq was taken off the list because the Iraqi government had taken steps "to enhance travel documentation, information sharing, and the return of Iraqi nationals subject to final orders of removal."

There are approximately 1,400 Iraqi nationals with final orders of removal currently in the United States, according to officials.

Iraq had previously been considered one of 23 "recalcitrant" countries, along with China, Afghanistan, Iran, Somalia and others, that refused to cooperate with ICE's efforts to remove its nationals from the United States, according to congressional testimony by ICE Deputy Director Daniel Ragsdale.

Christensen said a deal was struck on March 12 of this year and since then, eight Iraqi nationals had been removed to the country.

At least some of the people who were picked up came to the United States as children, got in trouble years ago and already served their sentences, according to immigration attorneys and local activists. They had

"Suddenly after years of living their lives, and getting past that, they're being greeted by ICE at the door saying that they're going to be deported to Iraq."

Kokoye

been given an effective reprieve from deportation because Iraq would not take them back.

"Suddenly after years of living their lives, and getting past that, they're being greeted by ICE at the door saying that they're going to be deported to Iraq," said Drost Kokoye, a Kurdish-American community organizer in Nashville, home to the largest Kurdish population in the United States.

Some of the weekend arrests took place in Michigan's Macomb County, which Trump won by 53.6 percent in the 2016 Presidential race, backed by many in the Iraqi Christian community.

At least one family of Trump supporters has been affected by the recent enforcement actions.

Nahrain Hamama said ICE agents came to her house on Sunday morning and arrested her 54-year-old husband Usama Hamama, a supermarket manager who goes by "Sam." He has lived in the United States since childhood and has four U.S.-born children. During the election, all his U.S. citizen relatives were Trump supporters, Hamama said.

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Rome imposes fines for frolicking in famous fountains

Rome is cracking down on anyone hoping to re-create Anita Ekberg's dip in the Trevi fountain in the film "La Dolce Vita" on Monday, imposing fines for bad behavior in and around the city's watery wonders.

One of Italy's most visited cities, Rome has long struggled to keep tidy treasures such as the Colosseum, and tourists paddling in its sculpted fountains have done little to help in recent years.

Angry headlines in Italian newspapers as temperatures have risen in recent weeks have included "The incivility continues: Tourists in the fountains and the flower beds" and "Monuments under attack."

Mayor Virginia Raggi said people caught picnicking or camping out



A worker collects coins in the Trevi Fountain on May 2, 2017 in Rome during the usual monthly cleaning. GETTY IMAGES

on the fountains' pedestals, putting their feet in the water or going for a swim would be fined up to 240 euros (\$270).

"We need to protect our city, and good

behavior is important," Raggi, a member of the anti-establishment Five-Star Movement, said in a video posted on Facebook.

The decree imposing

the fines, which start from a minimum of 40 euros, is valid for the summer season until Oct. 31.

"Rome's police has been tasked with moni-

"We need to protect our city, and good behavior is important."

Raggi

toring these sites even more closely," Raggi said in the video, filmed overlooking the imposing white Altar of the Fatherland in central Rome.

As well as the Trevi, the list of monuments marked out for extra protection includes the 500-year-old Barcaccia, a boat-shaped fountain at the foot of the Spanish Steps which was badly chipped by drunken football supporters in 2015.

REUTERS

TECHNOLOGY

US top court rules for Microsoft in Xbox class-action fight

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday ruled in favor of Microsoft Corp. in its bid to fend off class action claims by Xbox 360 owners who said the popular videogame console gouges discs because of a design defect.

The court, in a 8-0 ruling, overturned a 2015 decision by the San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that allowed console owners to appeal the dismissal of their class action lawsuit by a federal judge in Seattle in 2012.

Typically parties cannot appeal a class certification ruling until the entire case has reached a conclusion. But the Ninth Circuit allowed the console owners to voluntarily dismiss their lawsuit so they could immediately appeal the denial of a class certification.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, writing on behalf of the court, said such a move was not permitted because a voluntary dismissal of a lawsuit is not a final decision and thus cannot be appealed. The approach sought by the plaintiffs would undermine litigation rules "designed to guard against piecemeal appeals," Ginsburg wrote.

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How 'Bachelor in Paradise' ended before it got started

"Bachelor in Paradise" halted filming after two contestants got busy in the pool, as two contestants on a dating reality show are wont to do. Us Weekly broke the news that production on the show had been shut down due to allegations of misconduct.

In a statement, Warner Bros. elaborated. "We have suspended production and we are conducting a thorough investigation of the allegations. Once the investigation is complete, we will take the appropriate



Looks like things got a little bit too real.
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responsive action."

Apparently, DeMario Jackson and Corinne Olympios met at the bar. Alcohol was flowing! There was making out and what TMZ delicately calls "intense rubbing," and a series of sex acts!

But one of the show producers saw the film and was uncomfortable with what was shot — and filed a formal complaint.

What's the big deal of two grown adults enjoy-

ing some adult pool time in front of the camera of a reality television show? I mean, besides the obvious? Hopefully nothing sinister is going on here.



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Where is Cameron Diaz, anyway?

You may have noticed that Cameron Diaz has basically disappeared from Hollywood. Her last two films? Both in 2014.

Now, the 44-year-old is opening up about taking a break from being a movie star. "I just went, 'I can't really say who I am to myself,' which is a hard thing to face up to," she said at the Goop Wellness Summit over the weekend. I don't know what that means, but OK!

She also opened up about marrying Benji Madden of Good Charlotte. On getting married at the age of 41, she said, "I think



She's still around here, somewhere.

it's a matter of, I just hadn't met my husband, you know?" She continued, "I had boyfriends before. And there's a really, really distinct difference between husbands and boyfriends."

Diaz didn't really say anything about being sister-in-law to erstwhile star of "The Simple Life," Nicole Richie (who is married to Benji's twin brother, Joel). I mean, they're twins! Are there ever any mix-ups? Is it like "Parent Trap," but weird and grown up and vaguely sexual?

Khloe Kardashian wants to have Tristan Thompson's babies

Khloe Kardashian really wants to populate this world with miniature versions of herself, and because of that we should be utterly terrified.

On Sunday night's finale of "Keeping Up With The Kardashians," Khloe ran into some new, unexpected fertility issues. The 32-year-old learned that despite her age, her uterine follicles and ovaries are much older than expected.

But then, with whiplash speed, by the end of the episode, ol' Koko gets some good news. After ditching her birth control for about three months, her doctor finds more fol-

licles in her uterus, which means her uterus is ready for babies. Tristan Thompson's babies, to be exact. Khloe and Thompson — a 26-year-old Canadian dude who plays for the Cleveland Cavaliers — have been together since some time last year.

"It was all the birth control," the reality star explained. As soon as I get the hormones out of my system, I'm the f—ing Easter bunny." I don't know what the Easter bunny did to be brought into this, but I do believe he deserves better. Unless he's being played by Sean Spicer.



The world isn't ready.

Meghan Markle plays coy, as usual

Meghan Markle is a beautiful lady and an actress on "Suits." Also, she is dating Prince Harry — have you heard of him?

Anyway, the 35-year-old actress and Royal Boo™ attended the ATX Television Festival in Austin this weekend. There, she took part in a script-reading of the original pilot of "Suits" with her co-stars.

Then, of course, a wily reporter asked Markle whether or not she "hoped

to marry Prince Harry." Which is real journalism, you know? I mean, that's really the question we all want the answer to. Who cares about climate change and global warming when there's the possibility that Meghan Markle and Prince Harry might get married after dating for not even a full year!? No, seriously.

Markle responded pretty predictably, by not responding at all. She just gave a smile.

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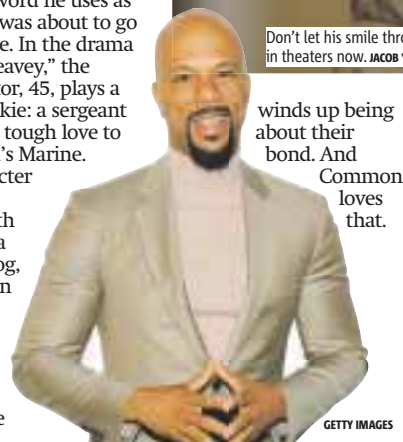
Common wants us to stop fighting

The rapper-actor talks "Megan Leavey" and believing after darkness comes light.



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There aren't many people as positive as Common. On his records, he speaks truth to power. In person, though, he's all about love — a word he uses as though it was about to go out of style. In the drama "Megan Leavey," the rapper-actor, 45, plays a tough cookie: a sergeant who gives tough love to Kate Mara's Marine. Her character has been tasked with handling a combat dog, who's been trained to sniff for IEDs during the Iraq War. The movie



winds up being about their bond. And Common loves that.

Don't let his smile throw you — Common is tough as a Marine sergeant in "Megan Leavey," in theaters now. JACOB YAKOB / BLEECKER STREET

Most movies about the military are political. This one isn't at all. It's not a war story; it's a love story. The overall theme of love makes you not get into the political side of it. You get into the human story about a woman who needs some love. Who doesn't need that? We can all relate to that, no matter our political perspective or nationality or religion.

These days we need more movies that bring us together. That's the stuff I want to be a part of — telling real people's stories. Those stories bust us out of boxes. I'm not saying this movie is "Moonlight," but "Moonlight" took you out of the aspect of thinking, 'This is a dude who wears a do-rag. He's just a gangster and he just sells dope.' The character Ma-

Stay positive

It's hard to be optimistic right now. How pessimistic do you feel these days? I think it's getting better. As difficult as it seems on the outside, on the inside people want to see good for human beings. I don't care if you're Muslim, Jewish, gay, transgender, Latino, black — we all gotta help each other

and get through this thing together. We know we don't have all the solutions. But we know that the important thing is to make a better world for each other. So how do we do that? The government structure may not think like that, but people do think like that. We work towards a better world. These dark times are going to bring the light, I really believe that.

hershala [Ali] played, he cared for this kid [played by Alex Hibbert]. Even my character here, you think, "Oh, he's a sergeant in the Marines, he's going to be one thing." But he's not. This dude is strong and disciplined, but at the same time he cares.

"Moonlight" and "Megan Leavey" allow us to see the world through the eyes of people we may not know at all. Art brings people together. If I'm at a movie, it's

like we're all experiencing the same thing. I'm not thinking about if the people behind me are Republicans or Democrats. We're all experiencing it and we're all affected by it. It can bring us together and help us see things from different perspectives, without being preachy, without being specifically about one subject matter. You can make a movie about social activism, but films don't have to do that to bring us closer to each other.



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Sam Elliott on death, loss and Lady Gaga

The legendary actor talks "The Hero" and getting sick of bickering on the news.



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First off, Sam Elliott's voice is all too real. When you speak to the legendary actor, even over the phone, it's the same booming bass you've been hearing all your life, in movies like "Mask," "Road House" and "The Big Lebowski." What you might not expect is this: He's not the taciturn macho man he often plays. He's a talker. And he's not afraid to get emotional.

Elliott is promoting "The Hero," which, amazingly, is one of his too few leading roles in a movie — and, he says, the first time someone has written a protagonist with him in mind. He plays Lee Hayden, an actor very much like him, had his career not gone as well as it has. Like Elliott, Lee does voiceover work, but he can't get a movie role to save his life. When he's diagnosed with terminal cancer, he reflects on a misspent life, and even falls in love with Laura Prepon.

Most people hate the sound of their voice, but you have a great



Sam Elliott (with Laura Prepon) plays an actor who didn't have quite the same career that he did in "The Hero," now in theaters. **THE ORCHARD**

one. So, how do you feel about it?
Oh, I don't know. I can take it or leave it at this point. It isn't gonna get any better. I've done well by it, I guess.

"The Hero" is a film that deals with mortality and death — subjects most people don't feel comfortable talking about.

We're all faced with it. The older I get, the more I'm dealing with it, that mortality thing. My wife [Katharine Ross] and I just went to a memorial service for an actor named Michael Parks. That's just one more guy that's gone.

I've lost half a dozen friends this year already. And I mean calendar year, not over the space of the last year. If you have the good fortune to go the distance and live a

full life, you're gonna lose a lot of people along the road. I look back and think about all the people involved in my career earlier on — they're gone. Everyone one of them is gone.

It's heart-breaking, because a lot of them were intimately

involved with me having some success.

It must be difficult making a film where it's the main focus, where you have to deal with it every day on set.

When you get a cancer diagnosis, particularly for this type of cancer, it's got to be pretty thought-provoking to say the least. I've known some people, like Patrick Swayze, who were real close to me who died of that cancer. Making this just brought all that back to me. What a terrible way to go, you know? Anyway — mortality, buddy. Enjoy it while

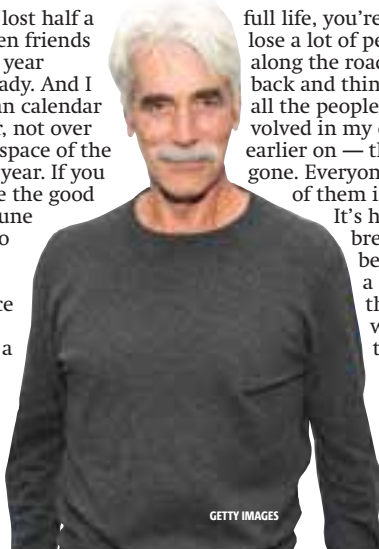
Talking Lady Gaga

You're shooting Bradley Cooper's remake of "A Star is Born," which means you're in a movie with Lady Gaga. I find that pretty surprising. Me, too. That's why I'm doing this thing — for her. My daughter's a big fan of Lady Gaga. By virtue of that, I've been listening to her music since the get-go. I took Cleo, my daughter, to work, and she got to have an incredible encounter with Stefani. I was so proud and so happy; that's one of the great gifts that comes along once in a while.

it's there. It doesn't last forever.

How do you stay sane in this insane age?

Since the election, I've found myself turning off the news. And that isn't a shot at the news, like everybody's taking. I just don't want to hear all that s—. I don't want to hear people yelling at each other on a news-cast anymore. I used to watch Fox News and CNN religiously — and equally. Equal amount of time for both of them. But today everyone's contentious. It's all contentious. It's the same with talk radio.



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Warwick Drive-In

This drive-in theater west of the Hudson River is about an hour and a half drive north of the city, but it's pretty epic, with three screens showing double features nightly. There's a full snack bar, with standard movie fare,

plus heftier options, like hamburgers and fries. If you're looking to stay the night, you'll find nearby hotels listed on their site. The Warwick Valley Winery and Distillery is only a 15-minute drive away. **Adults \$11, kids \$8, 5 Warwick Turnpike, Warwick, NY, [warwickdrivein.com](#)**

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Hyde Park Drive-In

This retro theater from the same owners of the Overlook first opened in

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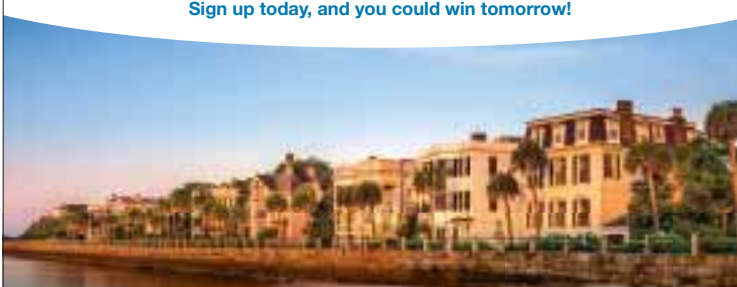
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Your guide to sunscreen

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A dermatologist talks us through the best practices for optimal skin protection.



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Sun's out; time to slather on the sunscreen. But which one? We know sunscreen is essential to protecting against skin cancer, but with so many on the market and so much conflicting information out there — for example, when Consumer Reports and the Environmental Working Group both put out their annual lists of the best sunscreens, the lists varied drastically — how do you pick the right one for you?

The questions don't stop there. How often should you apply sunscreen? What does "broad spectrum" mean? To better make sense of the terms and discuss best options, we spoke with dermatologist Dr. Kally Papantoniou, who helped us break it down, so you can enjoy your

summer in the sun without stressing too much about your health.

Should you use mineral-based or chemical-based sunscreens?

Both types of sunscreen are equally effective, but use different technology to protect your skin. Mineral-based sunscreens use zinc oxide and/or titanium dioxide to physically block ultraviolet rays, while chemical-based sunscreens use active ingredients, such as oxybenzone and avobenzone, that absorb the rays, break them down and convert them into heat.

Oxybenzone, in particular, is a controversial ingredient because a study in which it was fed to rats showed it to be a hormone disrupter. However, no evidence suggests that it's a risk to humans, and the American Academy of Dermatology and the Skin Cancer Foundation both approve its use.

"There's no data that shows that it does anything in people," explains Papantoniou. "The chemicals in high doses

can have an effect on your endocrine system, but they're such small amounts [in sunscreen] that we're not seeing that happen in people."

In the past, folks have opted out of mineral-based sunscreen because it would leave a thick, chalky white residue on

your face (think: white-nosed lifeguard). But that's no longer the case, now that the products contain micronized zinc, which are smaller particles with less visibility.

If you have sensitive skin, mineral is a better choice than chemical. "When they break down,

sometimes the chemicals can be irritating or a cause for allergy," explains Papantoniou. If you're worried about acne, make sure the label reads "noncomedogenic."

Which number SPF is best?

The AAD recommends the use of SPF 30 or higher.

Papantoniou echoes this for daily use, but suggests if you're going to be outside in direct sunlight, opt for SPF 50 — especially if you have a skin condition like melasma (skin discoloration) or have previously had skin cancer.

"Anything above 50 becomes equivocal," she notes. "There's such minute differences, between, say, SPF 50 and 100."

Make sure what you're using says "broad spectrum" on the label, indicating the sunscreen will protect against both UVA and UVB rays.

How often should you apply sunscreen?

Apply sunscreen daily. If you're just going to work and you won't be outside, once in the morning is

fine, Papantoniou says. (If you're going to take a lunch break and sit out in the sun, it's a good idea to reapply first.)

But, if you're going to be outside and active, especially sweating or in the water, you should reapply every 90 minutes. "Sunscreen is water-resistant, not waterproof," she says. "If you go swimming or sweat, you need to reapply."

Seek extra protection

Sunscreen is not the be-all, end-all for sun protection. You should also be wearing hats, staying inside on particularly hot days, or at least ducking into the shade when you can. "Sunscreen will help prevent you from getting a burn, that's what that SPF factor is," she explains. "It doesn't mean it blocks off all the light from passing through and stimulating your skin."

Also: Even if your makeup or concealer says SPF on it, you still need to use a moisturizer underneath. "Unless you're going to work looking like a clown [wearing] a thick layer of makeup, it's not enough."



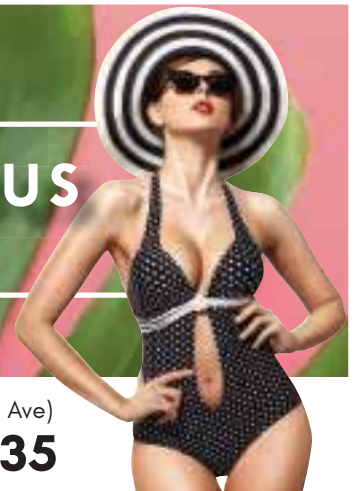
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If we're lucky, the worst trouble most of us will have with our eyes can be remedied with glasses or contacts. But eyes are delicate parts of our anat-



omy, and problems that require deeper intervention aren't uncommon. In one such condition, keratoconus, the cornea — the clear front layer of the eye — progressively thins out. According to the National Institute of Health, "the middle of the cornea thins, bulges outward and forms a rounded cone shape.

This abnormal curvature of the cornea can cause double or blurred vision, nearsightedness, astigmatism and increased sensitivity to light." The condition usually affects both eyes.

In February, Mount Sinai Health System's Eye and Ear Infirmary started using corneal collagen cross-linking, approved

in 2016 by the FDA, to stop the progression of keratoconus. It's a minimally invasive procedure that uses ultraviolet light and a type of vitamin B to shore up chemical bonds in the cornea. If used early enough, the treatment can mean better vision and lower the chances of a patient needing a cornea trans-

plant in the future.

We talked to Dr. Emily Waisbren, assistant professor of ophthalmology at Icahn School of Medicine, about the disease and why this procedure is a game-changer in its treatment.

First: What is progressive cornea disease?

Keratoconus is a progressive disease of the corneal tissue where the structural fibers slip with time, causing distortion of vision. It can ultimately lead to scarring and blindness.

Who is at risk?

It is thought to be multifactorial, meaning both environmental and genetic factors could be involved.

Can anything be done to prevent it?

No, but cross-linking can help halt the progression of the disease.

What is the conventional treatment?

Early on, glasses or contacts are used to correct astigmatism caused by the cornea's distorted shape. Ultimately, the patient may require a cornea transplant to replace the diseased corneal tissue.

Tell us about the new procedure.

Collagen cross-linking is a treatment used early on to stop progression of the disease. It uses riboflavin and UV light to strengthen the collagen bonds in the cornea and to prevent further slippage and distortion.

How is success measured?

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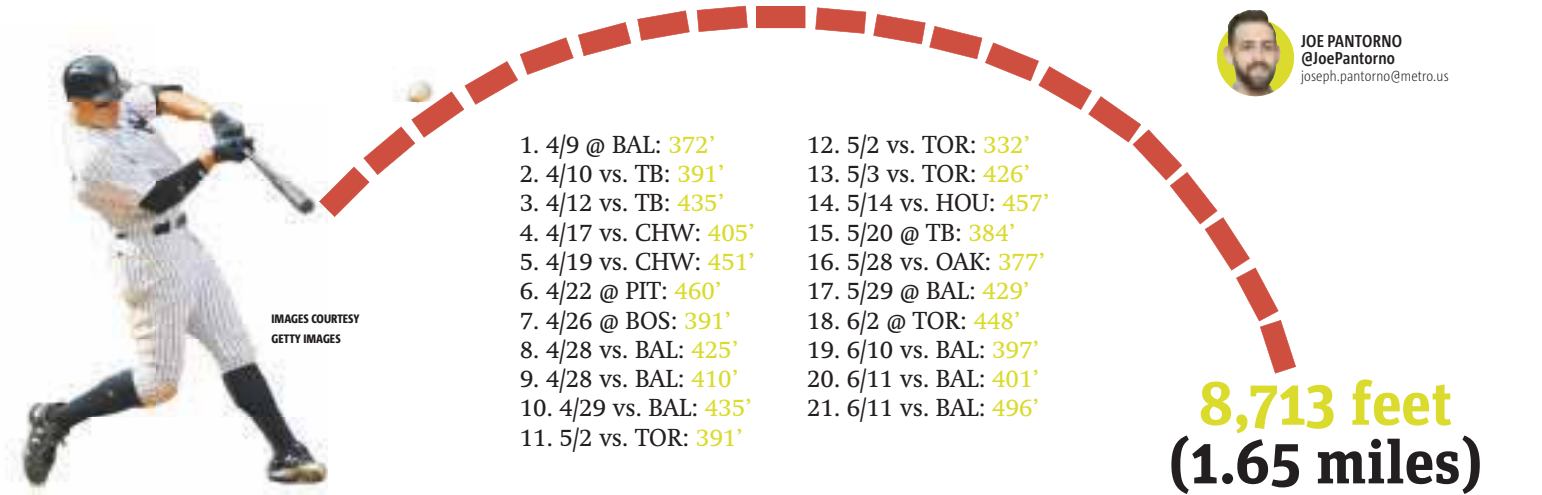
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The Yankees superstar's 21 home runs lead the league and include a plethora of moonshots, including a 496-foot blast on Sunday afternoon. But just how far have all of his homers combined to go? Metro broke out their calculators and took a look.



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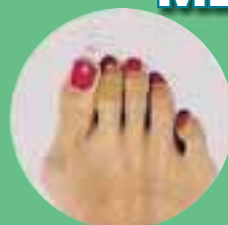


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The greatest players in two sports reminded us over the weekend why we're fans. On Friday, LeBron James and Kyrie Irving unleashed a record-breaking offense to keep the Cavs alive for one more game against the no longer invincible Warriors.

On Sunday, the Penguins and villain captain Sidney Crosby grabbed the Stanley Cup from Nashville in a 2-0 game featuring defense and goaltending, blood and broken teeth.

The stages were huge. The players were magnificent.

Too bad the men blowing the whistles weren't up to the task.

In both games, botched calls by ham-fisted refs muddled the

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stories. In both, bonehead officiating decisions impacted the outcome.

Start in hockey, where the Predators' Colton Sissons scored a minute into the second period of a scoreless Game 6. Sissons found a loose puck behind Penguins goalie Matt Murray and poked it into the net. Clean goal. Or so it seemed.

Even as Preds fans hoisted their catfish in celebration, referee Kevin Pollock waved it off.

Pollock said he had lost track of the puck before it went into the net — and

so therefore had blown his whistle a millisecond earlier. No goal. No appeal. No luck.

Hey, it happens. But this was far from the only moment of the series that had Nashville fans thinking the fix was in. A P.K. Subban goal in Game 1 was overturned on a dubious offsides call. Crosby's cheap shots were ignored throughout. All of this left Preds coach Peter Laviolette fuming behind the bench like an irate dad. Old-time Flyers fans probably evoked the name of Leon Stickler.

The NBA officiating Friday night was even more egregious. Somehow, in a thrilling game featuring the sport's top stars, refs Mike Callahan, Marc Davis and John



Have officials played too large a role in title-deciding games this past week? GETTY IMAGES

Goble nearly stole the show from James, Irving, Steph Curry and Kevin Durant.

Random technical fouls were called, expunged and reasigned. Golden State's Draymond Green was seemingly tossed from the game, and then somehow invited back in. Zaza Pachulia got away with a WWE-style groin punch.

Fans on Twitter (not always the most logical of arbiters) screamed in the first half that the NBA

was rigging the game for Cleveland. Then social media buzzed in the second half that the league wanted Golden State back in. Silly as it seems, both arguments appeared to have merit.

I don't buy that there's a master plan to fix games. But I do agree some referees in all sports go into games with preconceived notions. The most notable ref in Friday's game was Callahan — who has now called 12 straight Cavs wins, including the last

three times they have beaten the Warriors.

Fans often whine against officiating in all sports. Usually, they're just viewing the world through the lens of their favorite team, which — regardless of who it is — hasn't received a fair call in 50 years.

But sometimes the fans are right. Sometimes the guys in stripes are inept. That occurred in the biggest games in hockey and hoops last weekend. And both sports are worse for it.



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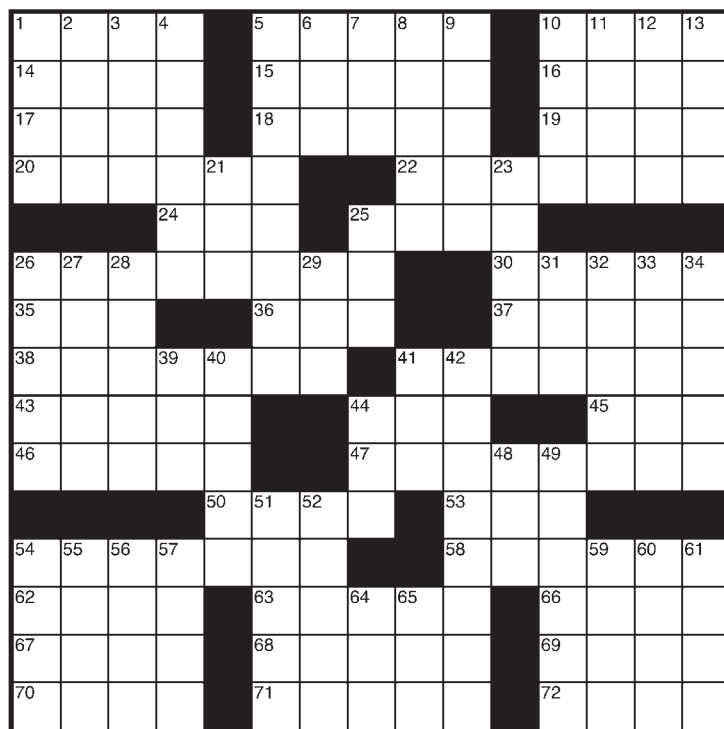
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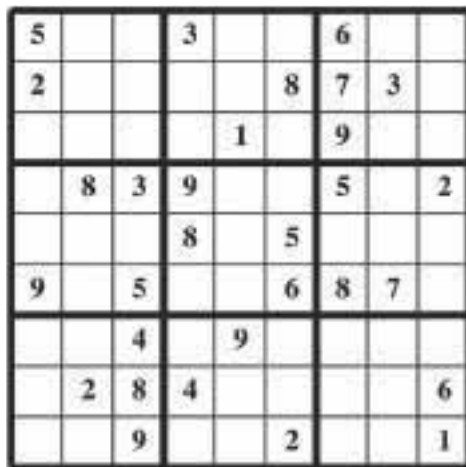
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Taurus Emotional matters will escalate if you argue. Refuse to let a stubborn attitude ruin your plans. It's important to work well with others if you want to excel.



Gemini You can dream all you want, but when it comes to getting things done, you must be realistic. Approach your goals with a practical plan in mind.



Cancer Put your time to good use. Keep busy instead of getting upset over situations you cannot change. Look for ways to minimize the negative effects of outside influences.



Leo Protect your well-being. Letting situations that are out of your control get to you will make matters worse. Bide your time and focus on getting things done.



Virgo Don't follow the crowd. Think and make decisions based on your needs, not on what someone else is prompting you to do. Physical improvements are encouraged.



Libra A business trip or a visit to a school you want to attend looks promising. If you have your questions ready, it will be easy to make a decision that will bring favorable changes.



Scorpio Discuss legal, financial, health or contractual issues in order to make progress. Look for alternative ways to deal with differences and maintain peace and civility.



Sagittarius Your aim should be to connect with people you want to spend more time with or work with. Make your intentions clear and good things will transpire.



Capricorn Business trips, interviews and getting along with your peers will be necessary if you want to bring about change or have things done your way. Don't get angry.



Aquarius Good things come to those who actively pursue what they want. Don't wait on the sideline when you should be doing your best to make things happen.



Pisces Your enthusiasm will encourage others to take advantage of you. Size up what's being asked of you and reconsider how much you want to contribute. EUGENIA LAST

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